

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/822,441
Filing Date	April 12, 2004
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Group Art Unit	1793
Examiner Name	C. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	5576-159

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ **Previously submitted** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 7, 2008.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ **Enclosed**

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0200.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (7) **\$810.00**

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17) **\$460.00**

iii. ☐ Other:

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$.00) is enclosed.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

d. ☒ If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220

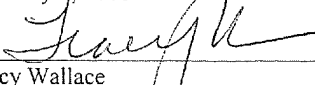
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**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted electronically to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 7, 2008.


Tracy Wallace
Date of Signature: February 7, 2008